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We are now printing at this office the several blank forms of contracts with freedom that are likely to be used in the coming year. Single contracts, in duplicate, 25 cents; by the dozen, in duplicate, \$1. Sent by mail, or express, on receipt of the price. All parties ordering will please state whether they propose giving wages or a portion of the crop.

**Public Health.**  
MAYORALTY, JACKSON, MISS., January 23d, 1868, 6 o'clock P. M.  
I deem it my duty, by way of precaution and that the public may be properly informed, to state that Cholera, of a very fatal type, is now prevailing in certain parts of this city. Three deaths have already occurred, and the attending physician reports one under treatment, in a collapsed state, at the present hour.

**The GAYOSO HOUSE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.** is the best arranged house for the accommodation of Travellers in the Southern country. They have undoubtedly the best sleeping apartments in the South and not surpassed by any house in America. Mr. Cockrell has had long experience as the Proprietor of this splendid Hotel, and none know the art of making their guests feel at home so well as he. In consequence of the scarcity of money and the great destitution in the country the rates at the GAYOSO have been reduced from FOUR to THREE dollars per day. We would advise all Mississippians having business in Memphis to have their baggage checked to the GAYOSO.

**BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS.** January 11, 1868.  
EDITOR CLARION, JACKSON, MISS.—Dear Sir: My attention has been called to a paragraph in your paper, saying that Southern emigrants were returning in consequence of animosity of the Government to them. Permit me to assure you that this is an error. There is no antipathy either on the part of the home or Colonial Government.

This misapprehension grew out of the removal of the then Governor, not for encouraging Southern emigration, but for transcending his official authority, in disposing of crown lands, contrary to regulations. The Duke of Buckingham, who is the Foreign Secretary of State for the Colonies, disavows any such feeling of opposition, and so does Gov. Longden, who says that immigrants coming here, from any country, may become naturalized in due time, and that they will then enjoy all the rights within the Colony of natural born Englishmen.

Very respectfully,  
JAS. N. PUTNAM.

## The Latest News,

**TALAHASSEE, FLA., Jan. 22.**—The Convention assembled at the usual hour. No business of importance was transacted, except the appointment of standing committees. W. H. Christy, Secretary, resigned, and S. Conner, (white) elected in his place.

A resolution passed to telegraph General Meade, informing him that the Convention is ready to receive any communication he makes; also to Col. Sprague, commanding the district of Florida, inviting him to a seat in the Convention.

The report of the committee on organization, relative to clerks and messengers, passed; and the President to appoint such number in each as necessary. The rules of the House of Representatives, with slight alterations, were adopted. Gov. Walker and the State officers were invited to seats in the Convention.

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22.**—Cotton market dull; middling 17. Sales 2000 bales. Sugar active; common 92-94; for fair 114-116; for choice 124-126. Molasses active and firm; common 55-60; molasses to choice 75-80. Gold 37 3/4.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 22.**—Cotton firmer and less active. Sales 2800 bales at 17 1/2-17 3/4.

**LONDON, Jan. 22.**—Advices have been received here that the Fenians attacked Martello Tower, at Duncannon, Waterford county, Ireland, on the evening of Friday last, but there are no particulars.

**PARIS, Jan. 22.**—The E-pange says the Emperor is preparing and will soon cause to be issued a manifesto, assuring Europe that it is the desire and policy of his government, to maintain peace.

**BERLIN, Jan. 22.**—The American Minister, Hon. George Bancroft, is now engaged in negotiation with the Prussian Government for the establishment of a commercial treaty between the United States and the North German Confederation.

**A Dutchman's Character.**  
A Dutchman was desirous of becoming a citizen of this great country, and, therefore, called Hans to testify as to his character. The judge asked the latter:

"How long have you known the applicant?"  
"Well, I know him six years."

"Is he a man of good moral character?"  
"He is as honest as a thief."

"True, but is his general character good as a moral point of view?"  
"Yaw, he will not steal nothing."

"What do you know about him, yourself as a good man?"  
"Well, so far as I know, he never takes anything out of his pocket."

"The court weakened. The applicant was admitted, and the witness was heard to say that he never left the court room."

"Well, I makes Shon vites. Yaw, is moral character, dat ish good. Shon will not steal, but he does up his frau and cheet people, and he like to very tyvil."

A general shooting affair occurred at Water Valley, Mississippi, a few days since, in which Mr. Alex Robinson's arm was broken by a pistol shot.

A collision occurred on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad at Trenton, on Wednesday last, which resulted in a big scare among the passengers, and heavy loss in property to the company.

Two Staggerbores, in South Carolina, have and their names changed to Standard.

"How can YE BLOOM SO FRESH AND AIR?" goes the Kentucky song. How? Why, because they show the bloom of health on their cheeks, take PLANTATION BITTERS, which has the power of fortifying the system against disease, and of regulating the digestive apparatus. Are you dyspeptic, weak, void of energy? Take a little of the Bitters, and you will find it restores your appetite, headache, constipation, and depression of spirits. Take S. T. 1860—X, and bloom and beauty will return. The Bitters have become household friends.

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